

# Garfield County Highlight

How does a tourism-dependent economy show up in Garfield County's economic indicators? Almost 40 percent of Garfield County's nonfarm employment can be categorized in the leisure/hospitality industry—in vivid contrast to the statewide figure of only 9 percent.

The seasonal nature of Garfield County's tourism employment is also evident in its unemployment rate. In just the past 12 months, Garfield County's (seasonally-unadjusted) jobless rate ranged from a high of 15.5 percent (in the dead of winter) to 4.8 percent during the summer season. With a high percentage of its population out of work in the off-season, Garfield County often sports one of the highest annual unemployment rates in the state.

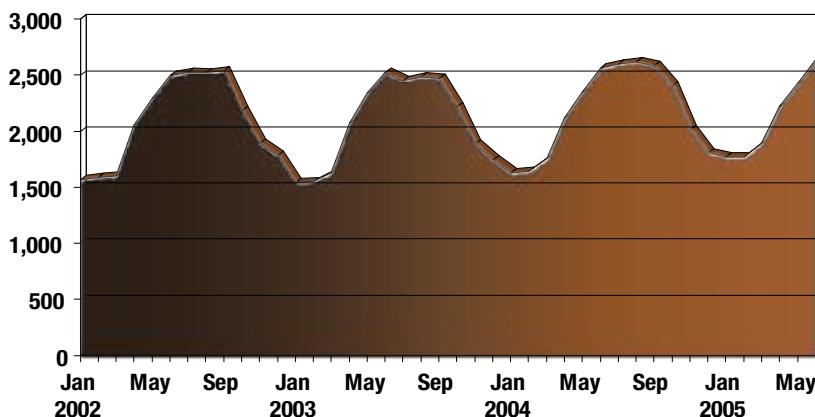
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## did you know?

- Garfield County's largest employers include Ruby's Inn, the Garfield County School District, and the federal government (which includes the National Park Service).
- Garfield County is home to Bryce Canyon National Park, part of Capitol Reef National Park, three state parks, part of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, and a piece of Lake Powell.
- According to the Bryce Canyon Country website, Garfield County has no stop lights and only one attorney.
- Almost 30 percent of Garfield County's nonfarm jobs are categorized in the lodging industry.

The words "Garfield County" and "tourism" often go hand in hand. Garfield County is one of the most tourism-dependent counties in Utah, and no wonder. Garfield County includes some of the most awesome scenery in the world.

Seasonal Nature of Garfield County's Employment  
Garfield County Nonfarm Jobs by Month



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.